FAKIR BLAIR AGAIN.

HE SEEMS TO BE THE MAN CAPTURED AT PEORIA, ILL.

Mr. D. S. Bennet Will Reach There To-Day. General Satisfaction Over His Arrest. The Description Tallies With Him.

The special telegram to The Times from Peoria, Ill., published yesterday morning indicating that the religious impostor and fakir, J. Harvey Blair, of Minneapolis, alias Robert E. Taylor, of Chicago, had been arrested by the Peoria police, was read with great interest by the Richmond public, and with no little gratification by those whom he so heartlessly deceived in this city.

It will not be known for certain whether the man held under arrest in Peoria by authority of the telegram of Major John Poe, chief-of-police of this city, is the man wanted until the arrival of Mr. D. S. Bennet, who left for Peoria yesterday night to identify him, and who will arrive there early this morning.

The reward of $250 offered by the city council was the chief instrument in the arrest of the man, who in all probability is "Blair." It was a nice plum for any officer to pick, and if the man in Peoria is the one so anxiously wanted by the police and bank officers here, to say nothing of the church people whom he so successfully deceived, the officer who took him in charge will be entitled to the sum.

"Blair" was well-known by Mr. D. S. Bennet during the three weeks or more he last spent in this city playing upon the susceptibilities of the temperance and religious societies, and the matter of his identity will be decided shortly after his arrival at Peoria, which will probably be about 7 o'clock this morning. Peoria is on the Illinois river, in the centre of that State, and about thirty-six hours run from Richmond.

"Blair" is also wanted in Chicago, which is distant from Peoria about one hundred and twenty-five miles. The first information of "Blair's" crookedness came from the police of Chicago to the police of this city some time before his arrival here, which circular gave such

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a minute and accurate description of the man that little doubt was left as to the identity with the man who masqueraded here under a pious disguise. Unfortunately, in the flotsam and jetsam of circulars constantly received at the police office from all over the country, this important paper was not unearthed until the bird had flown.

It is likely that "Blair" will, therefore, be wanted in Chicago also, as he played the same deceitful game there, and it was by the circular sent from that city that his supposed real name, Robert E. Taylor, became known here.

The First National Bank, of this city, upon which "Blair" tried to pass a bogus draft of two thousand dollars, without success, as well as the Merchants' Bank, through which the transaction in which a prominent young citizen was swindled out of over $800 was made, are taking much interest in his apprehension. It is said that the First National is taking the initiative, and was instrumental in sending Mr. Bennet to Peoria.

It will require both an indictment and a requisition from the Governor of Virginia to the Governor of Illinois to secure "Blair" and return him to Richmond. Should the man under arrest prove to be the one wanted, Judge Witt will be asked to order a special grand jury to pass the indictment, and the requisition will be a matter easily arranged.

It was unfortunate that the case was not brought before the grand jury at its regular term, but as the probability of "Blair's" apprehension seemed then so remote, no one just thought of it, and so the most troublesome method will have to be adopted.

The arrest in Peoria has again revived the matter, which was the sensation of the day several weeks ago, and his career while in Richmond was discussed at large about the city yesterday.

All the sayings and acts of Blair while in Richmond indicates that he was none of the common class of illiterate fakirs, but a shrewd educated rascal of the highest finesse of method and manner, and his deportment up to the time of his swindling acts was that of a refined Christian gentleman.

The light of subsequent events shows that there was little foundation for the stories of his giving and spending money freely. By ostentatious references to heavy transactions of magnitude and [illegible] references to his intentions in regard to the temperance and religious work in the State, along with one or two small gifts amounting in all to $15, he succeeded in making the impression that he was a man of wealth and generosity.

The statement that he gave one hundred and fifty dollars to the State Society of Christian Endeavor, which might have been misleading to the average reader, is [illegible] of easy explanation. It was the pretended desire to aid the work of that Society to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars that partially disarmed [illegible] the gentlemen who cashed his draft of over eight hundred dollars.

The amount given Blair was the amount of the draft, less the one hundred and fifty dollars so generously offered to the Christian Endeavor Society, and the Society has never at any time received money from him except in the case of a Manchester local Society, which was given a small amount, as above named, which amount has been returned to the gentleman who was swindled.

While in the city Blair received the hospitalities of several prominent homes, and the cordial courtesies of a number of religious societies in several denominations.

All express a desire for his apprehension in order that his nefarious career might be stopped.

The feelings of distress and mortification suffered by those whom he took in have taken a more philosophical turn, and his return to Richmond will be received with less of distaste than it would have been at first.

A special telegram to The Times from Peoria, Ills., last evening says:

The man R. J. Vincent, who is under arrest here upon suspicion of being Harvey Blair, denies emphatically that he is that party, although he answers the description quite well, and such meagre account as he sees fit to give of himself is contradictory and unsatisfactory.

He registered at the Hotel Prochaska on Saturday evening as R. J. Vincent, of St. Paul, Minn., but he told Chief Detective Mooney, who arrested him, that his home was at Buffalo, N. Y.

He denies that he was ever in Richmond. Since coming here he has spent considerable time in the saloons playing cards, and has had no ostensible occupation. He told your correspondent that he was here looking up a law suit, but what it was or where it was pending he declined to say.

He said that attending to that law suit had been occupying his time for several weeks, during which he had been traveling almost all the time in Missouri, Illinois and Minnesota.

He was here last July, and stopped several days at the same hotel with a woman called Mrs. Rogers, whom, he said, was his sister.

He told your correspondent that he was here visiting her. He told the detective at one time that he was in the sewing-machine business here. At another that he was here peddling trees, and at another that he was here looking for a location for his sister.

He refused to tell your correspondent where his home was, because, he said, he didn't want to be disgraced.

If in any respect he does not answer the description of Blair, it is that his complexion and moustache are not dark enough. Otherwise the likeness is close.

COMMITTEE ON LIGHTS.

A Good Deal of Routine Business Disposed of.

The Committee on Light held its monthly meeting in the office of Superintendent Adams, at the Upper gas works, last evening. Messrs. Gunn, chairman, and George B. Davis, Gibson, Grimes, Hardwicke, Mann and Taylor were present.

Superintendent Adams submitted his report for the month of April, showing that during that period 18,215,800 cubic feet of gas were made, against 10,133,400 cubic feet in the same period of last year. The number of cubic feet of gas consumed during the past month was 18,287,449, against 18,948,858 cubic feet in the corresponding month last year. The receipts for coke, &c., during the month of April amounted to $1,755.80, against $2,290.81 in the corresponding month last year.

A petition was received for the laying of gas mains on Harvie between Floyd and Main streets. It was granted, on motion of Mr. Mann.

The same action was taken, on motion of Mr. Gibson, in regard to a petition for gas mains on Gilmer between Clay and Marshall streets.

A petition was received from the members of Christ Episcopal church, asking for an electric light at the corner of Scott and Venable streets. It was granted.

A petition was submitted for the laying of a gas main on Twenty-second street north of Church Hill avenue. It was granted on motion of Mr. Taylor.

The same was done at the suggestion of Mr. Hardwicke with reference to the laying of a gas main on Church Hill avenue between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets.

It was decided to light gas lamps on Cary and Lombardy streets and on Plum and Floyd streets.

The usual number of bills were approved and ordered to be paid.

Superintendent Adams was instructed to call for estimates for the furnishing of oil to be used in connection with the manufacture of water gas after July 1st, when the water gas plant will be in operation.

The contract for the paving over gas-pipe ditches was, on motion of Mr. Davis, awarded to Mr. Thomas Barry, at his price of thirty cents per square yard.

The Superintendent was instructed to place one additional electric light near the dock of the Clyde Line, and another at the corner of Union and Franklin streets.

After the transaction of some routine business the committee adjourned.

GRAND SACHEM KELLEY.

He Is Elected President of the Powhatan Club.

The regular monthly meeting of Powhatan Club was held last evening in their club-house on Eighth street. Mr. James F. Flournoy, second vice-president, presided.

A revised copy of the code of by-laws was read by Secretary G. R. Tenser, and unanimously adopted. The code, as changed, provides for two vice-presidents instead of six, and changed the night of meeting from the first Thursday to the First Tuesday in each month.

Five new members were elected. The treasurer reported the club to be in a flourishing financial condition.

The resignation of President H. M. Starke was received and accepted, and the club went into the election of a new president.

Mr. John S. Harwood nominated Mr. S. L. Kelley. In presenting his name, Mr. Harwood eulogized him highly, saying that he was a man held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, and that he had never betrayed a trust, and whose record was as white as the snow from heaven.

Mr. John G. Mosby seconded the nomination. He was unanimously elected, and Colonel John Bell Bigger was requested to cast the vote of the club, which he did in his usual graceful manner.

Messrs. John Bell Bigger, B. T. August and John S. Harwood were appointed to escort the new president to the chair, where Mr. Flournoy surrendered to him the gavel, saying that he did so with much pleasure, and was sure he would wield it for the good of Democracy, the good of Virginia, and the good of the United States.

Messrs. John S. Harwood and D. C. Richardson were unanimously elected first and second vice-presidents.

The Powhatan Club, with its treasury in good condition, a steady increase of membership and a president and vice-president full of interest in its advancement, will rapidly grow in usefulness.

THE BLUES' RECEPTION.

The Entertainment at the Temple Will be a Great Success.

The reception committee of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, who are in charge of the arrangements for the reception to be given to the ladies at the Masonic Temple on next Tuesday evening, met in Captain Sol. Cutchins' office last evening to complete the list of invited guests and send out the invitations.

The invitations are gotten up in an artistic style, and bear the coat-of-arms of the organization, besides the names of the lady patronesses and the list of the reception committee. The committee regret very much the delay in the issuing of the invitations, caused by the fact that the invitations were only received last evening. They will be pleased to have an early acknowledgment of their receipt and an expression as to their acceptance.

On account of the limited space in the Masonic Temple, the committee cannot extend invitations to a greater number than can be conveniently entertained there, and for that reason it is desirable to know at once whether those who have been invited can attend.

Hustings Court.

Major Miller was arraigned before Judge Witt in the Hustings Court yesterday on the charge of unlawful assault. He was found guilty, fined one cent and sent to jail for ten days.

Robert Rinny was convicted of petit larceny and fined $5.

Robert Ferrell was convicted of housebreaking and larceny, sent to jail for thirty days and fined one cent.

Who Can Tell?

Mrs. C. A. Brown, of No. 400 Walnut street, Muscatine, Iowa, has written to Postmaster Russell, asking him for information as to the whereabouts of Michael or Jenny Curran and Thomas or Adelia Overby.

Owens & Minor, the druggists, desire us to publish the following testimony, as they handle the remedy and believe it to be reliable.

I bought a 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and applied it to my limbs, which have been afflicted with rheumatism at intervals for one year. At the time I bought the Pain Balm I was unable to walk. I can truthfully say that Pain Balm has completely cured me.—R. H. Farr, Holywood, Kan. Mr. A. B. Cox, the leading druggist at Holywood, vouches for the truth of the above statement.—Owens & Minor Drug Company, 1007 east Main street.

MOZART ASSOCIATION.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Prosperous Condition of the Association. Election of Officers at the Directors' Meeting—Mr. Cahill Gives Up.

The regular annual meeting of the Richmond Mozart Association was held last evening at the Mozart Academy.

Mr. James Lyons, the president of the Association, was in the chair. In presenting his annual report he said it was to be regretted that the annual meetings of the Association were not attended as they ought to be by a large majority of the members, and that it was rather unfortunate that the great body of the work of the organization was left to a few of the more enthusiastic and faithful members. This had been the only recorded meeting during the past three years.

Mr. Lyons stated that the financial difficulties of the Association had terminated for the best, and that the future of the organization was more encouraging than ever.

The report of the hall committee, submitted by the chairman of that committee, was read by the president, and showed that regular monthly meetings had been held during the year, which were well attended. The committee had exercised a constant oversight of the building, and had made the necessary repairs. The hall was in fair condition. At a cost of about $700 the building could be put in complete repair.

The committee advised that such funds as were available be expended for this purpose as soon as practicable.

The chairman of the music committee felt very much encouraged at the many complimentary expressions on the various musical programme which had been rendered.

The paying members of the Association last August numbered 360, and the present membership was 618. The music committee believed that the cultivation of local talent had been too long neglected. They had determined to have several performances by local singers, looking to the idea of having a chorus which would prove creditable to Richmond. At the musicale which was held on the 24th of April it was clearly shown what the local talent of Richmond could do. The performance was highly satisfactory, and the audience was enthusiastic in their expressions of admiration.

The report commended the increase of membership, by which means to realize an increase of funds, which were needed. The average cost of the musicales during the past year had been $360 per month.

The paying membership last September numbered 375, and the membership committee had at the beginning held in view the plan of increasing the membership until now they numbered 619. There had been 99 resignations, so that 343 members had been added to the Association during the past seven months.

President Lyons said that he had always been interested in the work of the organization since his election as president. There was a great need for just such an organization, which was not carried on for the purpose of bringing good performances to the city so much as developing and cultivating the local talent of Richmond. There was every reason to feel encouraged at the outlook of the Association, which was in a more favorable condition now than ever before.

Mr. H. M. Starke made a speech, in which he said that he thought some action ought to be taken to change that by-law of the constitution which provided for the transaction of the affairs of the Association by the board of governors. Mr. Starke said that he had no fault to find with any member of the board, and would not have any one of them removed if he could. But there was a sad lack of interest on the part of the members of the Association in the matter of attending the annual meetings. They would not come to the meetings when they believed that nothing would be done but the reading of the annual report, which they could read in the morning papers. There must be some business transacted, in order to secure a good attendance, and if it were known that members of the board would be elected at the annual meetings there would almost surely be a large portion of the membership present, even though the old board should be re-elected year after year.

The president stated that at such a meeting the Association had not the power to take any decided action on this question, since the organization had been chartered by the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, and that the Association could only prepare a resolution expressing its sense on the question, and that application would have to be made to the City Circuit Court before such action in reference to altering the by-laws could be taken.

Mr. E. A. Catlin agreed with Mr. Starke but added that such a resolution would have to lay over until the next annual meeting of the Association.

Mr. Strause moved that the meeting adopt a resolution expressing a wish that the charter be so amended that the board of governors be divided into three classes, one of which was to serve for one year, another two years, and the third three years, and that seven members be elected to the board by the Association annually.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Colonel W. E. Tanner, it was adopted that the board of governors take such action as they deemed necessary to prevent indiscriminate encores at future performances.

The meeting then adjourned, and the board of governors held a meeting, in which considerable routine business was transacted.

The following officers were elected: Mr. James Lyons, president; Mr. John Tyler, vice-president; Mr. E. A. Catlin, treasurer. Mr. James W. Pegram declined to serve as secretary, and the election of this officer was postponed to a future date.

Mr. Ed. Hamilton Cahill appeared in the chancery court before Judge Lamb yesterday, and relinquished his temporary tenancy of the Mozart Academy. Judge Lamb entered a decree, directing the receiver, the Virginia Safe Deposit Company, to take charge at once of the property.

The decree orders that Mr. Cahill is to pay to the receiver the sum of $348.50, due for rent up to May 1, 1893. Of this amount he is to pay interest on $123.50 from March 15, 1893, and on $225 from April 15, 1893. Execution has been ordered to be made on Mr. Cahill's effects to recover the amount.

Mr. Cahill stated last evening that he had simply given up his lease for the season; that he did not desire to continue paying rent during the summer without any guarantee as to his contract during the next winter. He would be very willing to pay the rent to the bondholders if they would secure him as tenant of the Academy for the next winter.

Mr. Cahill, however, will remain in charge of the Academy as manager of the receiver until a sale of the property has been effected. A decree ordering the sale will be entered to-day.

COLLEGE FIELD DAY.

An Interesting Programme to be Executed.

For several weeks the athletes of Richmond College have been in training for the contests, which take place to-day, and the indications are that this, the fifth annual field day, will be one of the most successful that has ever been held here. The arrangements have been completed, and if the weather is good the spectators may expect to see good records made.

The preliminary tennis contest came to a close yesterday afternoon. The contestants were: Messrs. Jones, Bagby, G. Winston, Peter Winston, McRae, Long, Norfleet, Cocke, Harrison and Burnett. Messrs. Jones, Bagby and G. Winston showed themselves the superior players, and as a result constitute the trio that will enter the court to-day to contest for racquet honors.

The events and prizes are named below, also the contestants in each:

9:00 A. M., mile walk. Prize, gold medal. Contestants—Messrs. Louthan, De Vault, Sands and Redwood.

9:15 A. M., throwing base-ball. Prize, gold pen. Contestants—Messrs. Louthan, Winston, Burnett, W. D. Duke and De Vault.

9:45 A. M., 100 yards dash. Prize, gold medal. Contestants—Messrs. Bosher, Turner, Louthan, Bagby and Calzado.

10:00 A. M., sack race. Open to all.

10:15 A. M., broad jumping. Prize, gold medal. Contestants—Messrs. Hatcher, Louthan and De Vault.

10:45 A. M., mile run. Prize, gold medal. Contestants—Messrs. Louthan and De Vault.

11:00 A. M., shoe race. Open to all.

11:30 A. M., gymnasium drill.

12:30 P. M., hurdle race. Prize, silver match safe. Contestants—Messrs. Loyd, De Vault, Louthan and Redwood.

1:00 P. M., 440 yards race. Contestants—Messrs. Louthan and De Vault.

3:00 P. M., tennis. Prizes, first, gold medal; second, pair of tennis shoes.

4:00 P. M., high jumping. Prize, gold medal. Contestants—Messrs. Hatcher, Louthan, De Vault and Loyd.

4:30 P. M., gymnasium prize drill. Prizes, first and second, gold medals.

5:00 P. M., coal race. Open to all.

5:30 P. M., pole vault. Prize, gold medal. Contestants—Louthan, Bagby, Loyd, Burnett and Samuels.

6:30 P. M., delivery of medals by Professor C. H. Winston.

About 4:30 P. M. a picked nine from the city will meet the College base-ball team on the College diamond.

Grand stands have been erected on the College grounds for the accommodation of visitors, and the public are extended a cordial invitation to be present.

RICHMOND COLLEGE ALUMNI.

The Richmond Chapter Settles Down to Earnest Work.

A meeting of the Richmond Chapter of the Society of Alumni of Richmond College was held yesterday afternoon at the book-store of Starke & Estes. Mrs. R. B. Lee presided. The committee on constitution, appointed at the meeting of organization in March, reported through its chairman Professor Boatwright, a form of constitution, which was adopted. The purpose of the Association, as set forth therein, is to perpetuate college friendships and advance the interests of the alumni. The date of the alumni meeting is the first Thursday in February.

Professor Boatwright presented for the consideration of the meeting a comprehensive plan of assisting needy students at college to secure maintenance and education through their own efforts in spare time, and Professor Harris advocated the inauguration of a course of lectures on the university extension plan for securing funds. These questions were submitted to a meeting to be held Thursday, the 18th, at 6 P. M. The following members were elected: Dr. Frank R. Steel, R. R. Fauntleroy, S. L. Kelley, Edmund D. Redd, E. V. Valentine, S. L. Gilliam, W. P. Hines, William G. Jones and R. G. Hiden. The chapter now has one hundred and twenty members, and is organizing for good and effective work.

REILLY WANTED IN NEW YORK.

Officers Will be Here With Extradition Papers.

Chief of Police Poe received a telegram from Inspector McLaughlin yesterday, saying that officers would come on for the forger, Reilly, as soon as requisition papers could be secured. Reilly had said that he would go without the papers, but the New York officers propose to take no risk of his changing his mind. The charge against Reilly is that of robbing his father's estate by means of a forgery. Lewis Thomas, cashier of the Madison Square Bank, made the charge against him April 24th. The affair seems to be shrouded in a good deal of mystery. From all accounts Reilly has squandered $83,000 in the last year, and the police of New York are curious to know what has become of it. Reilly's account of it is that he inherited a fortune of $83,000 about a year and a half ago, and that he got to playing cards, betting on the races and speculating in Wall street. On April 22d, having run through his funds, he forged a check for $2,500, which he expected to pay back before the felony was discovered. The prisoner seems to think that the affair may yet be amicably arranged.

Retreat for the Sick.

An unusual number of ladies were present at the weekly meeting of the board of the Retreat for the Sick, and much business was transacted. Forty patients are now inmates of the institution, thirteen of whom are guests of the Retreat.

The recent improvements are now assuming a practical form, and already the Retreat is realizing their utility. The light and airy dining-room, with its pleasant outlook and appurtenances, is an appetizer in itself, and the operating room is complete in comfort for both patient and surgeon.

Reinterment of Mr. Davis.

Mayor Ellyson has not yet heard from the three ministers who have been asked to take part in the services on the occasion of the reinterment of Mr. Davis' remains.

Captain Ellett has received several letters of acceptance in response to invitations.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

The State Board of Education Continues Its Labors.

The State Boad of Education resumed its session yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Many of the candidates on hand the day before left for home yesterday. More interest has been manifested in the appointment of school superintendents this time than ever before. Some of the contests at home have been very spirited, and all sorts of influences have been tried upon the board. It is said that fights occurred over the contest in one or two counties. The majority of the appointments were made yesterday, and the work will be completed to-day.

The only contests in yesterday's appointments were in Amherst, Buckingham, Floyd, Prince Edward and Henrico counties. In Amherst C. L. Scott was appointed, vice W. L. Sandidge, who has received the nomination of the Democrats for county clerk, and was not a candidate for reappointment. In Campbell county R. P. Hunter succeeded R. C. Saunders, who retired on account of ill health. In Mecklenburg Dr. W. J. Carter succeeded Thomas W. Smith. In Roanoke B. Rust succeeded Rush U. Derr; S. S. Handy was also a candidate. In Henrico county Mr. W. O. Mosby opposed John K. Fussell, the old superintendent; the latter was reappointed. In Dickerson county J. H. Long succeeded I. E. French. In Prince George Benj. Finner succeeded Charles Comer. The other appointments were as follows: Accomac, John E. Mapp; Albemarle, D. P. Powers; Alexandria county, John E. Febrey; Alleghany, S. F. Chapman; Amelia, H. Meade; Appomattox, C. H. Chilton; Augusta, E. O. Peale; Botetourt, Cary Breckinridge; Brunswick, George R. Elick; Buckingham, James C. Hanes; Buena Vista, J. P. McCluer; Carroll, W. H. Mitchell; Charles City, Samuel D. Mulford; Charlottesville, Frank A. Massie; Chesterfield, W. A. Blankingship; Clarke, C. G. Massey; Cumberland, W. C. Corson; Danville, John A. Herndon; Elizabeth City, John M. Willis; Fairfax, M. D. Hall; Fauquier, William C. Marshall; Floyd, G. A. Willis; Fluvanna, R. J. Faris; Frederick, M. M. Lynch; Fredericksburg, E. M. Crutchfield; Gloucester, William F. Hogg; Goochland, H. D. Ragland; Grayson, W. S. Hale; Greene, George B. Jennings; Hanover, W. H. Campbell; Henrico, John K. Fussell; Isle of Wight, Gavin Rawls; James City, James H. Allen; King and Queen, John Temple; Lancaster, Frank W. Lewis; Loudoun, L. M. Shumate; Louisa, Frank T. West, Jr.; Lynchburg, E. C. Glass; Mathews, L. S. Foster; Middlesex, William S. Christian; Nansemond, Lee Britt; Nelson, George E. Caskie; Norfolk city, K. C. Murray; Norfolk county, John T. West; Northumberland, Giles F. Eubank; Nottoway, Thomas E. Royall; Orange, William C. Williams; Petersburg, D. M. Brown; Portsmouth, John C. Ashton; Prince Edward, Thomas J. Garden; Princess Anne, O. B. Mears; Prince William, H. M. Clarkson; Radford, J. D. Peters; Rappahannock, H. M. Miller; Richmond city, William F. Fox; Richmond county, Robert Williamson; Roanoke county, R. C. Stearnes; Rockbridge, J. Sidney Saville; Southampton, J. F. Bryant; Spotsylvania, Chancellor Bailey; Staunton, W. W. Robertson; Surry, George T. Clarke; Sussex, Alexander King; Warren, Gibson E. Roy; Wise, William T. Kennedy; York, William J. Stores.

HOLDING A LEVEE.

Colonel Charles T. O'Ferrall Receives at the Exchange Hotel.

Colonel Charles T. O'Ferrall is registered at the Exchange Hotel. He reached the city yesterday morning, and all day long a constant stream of visitors poured in to pay their respects to him.

At 8 o'clock last night a reception was held in the parlors of the Exchange. Mr. William Ryan called the meeting to order, and stated that this was only an informal reception, but that a permanent organization of the friends of Colonel O'Ferrall in Richmond would be formed in a few days.

Among the many distinguished callers on Colonel O'Ferrall were: Colonel Archer Anderson, Captain W. G. Waller, John Jackson, Captain W. D. Chesterman, S. S. P. Patteson, W. S. Walker, Judge Duke, of Norfolk; Colonel Thomas Marshall, of Norfolk; Dr. J. H. Crafford, of Surry; A. J. Bradley, of Manchester; John S. Harwood, C. E. Wingo, Judge F. R. Farrar, of Amelia; Samuel Regester, C. Lee Moore, Mr. Tomney, of the Glade Spring Citizen, Washington county; Col. John B. Cary, William H. Cullingworth, Alex. B. Guigon, K. C. Murray, of the Norfolk Landmark; G. C. Minor, R. H. Boykin, Colonel G. Percy Hawes, Colonel W. F. Wickham, E. L. C. Scott, Watt Taylor, J. C. Hill, Senator Pettit, of Fluvanna; Mann S. Valentine, Frank Burk, James Patton, J. Taylor Ellyson, John R. Grimes, Senator Lawless, of Portsmouth; William Ryan, M. B. Rowe, of Fredericksburg; John Holliday, of Spotsylvania; Eugene Walton, Jack Pettit, Major W. J. Johnston, N. E. Green, Captain B. P. Johnston, of Glade Spring; Edgar Fergusson, C. V. Meredith, Senator Bibb, of Louisa county; Captain Selden, of Dinwiddie; James F. Flournoy, Police Justice East, of Norfolk; W. H. Sale, B. F. Tinsley and Thomas Cox.

It was expected that the reception would have been held at Mr. Wingo's residence, but for fear there would not be space enough the place was changed to the Exchange.

The gathering was a free and easy and friendly reception, and while politics were discussed, they were thrown in with pleasant chit-chat and gossip rather than as a special object. Colonel O'Ferrall, in speaking of Cleveland, said that his feelings towards Virginia were cordial in the extreme, and he had promised that in the further distribution of patronage she would not be forgotten.

HOGE ACADEMY.

Organization of the Board of Trustees.

The board of trustees of the Hoge Academy, which is to be erected under Presbyterian influences at Blackstone, Va., met yesterday for organization at the Second Presbyterian church.

There were present: Rev. Dr. Rosebro, Petersburg; Rev. R. H. Fleming, Lynchburg; Rev. T. P. Epes, Nottoway; Rev. L. B. Turnbull, Richmond. Elders: J. M. Harris, Blackstone; W. H. Gingrich, Norfolk; William Hethorn Lunenburg, and J. S. Munce, Richmond.

The people of Blackstone have donated a handsome piece of property and a large sum of money to erect a male school, and the enterprise has been heartily indorsed by East Hanover Presbytery, who appointed the trustees, and the Rev. T. P. Epes as financial agent.

At the meeting yesterday Rev. L. B. Turnbull was elected chairman of the board; J. M. Harris, of Blackstone, treasurer, and John S. Munce, of Richmond, secretary.

Committees were appointed to secure a legal charter, get plans and estimates for the buildings, arrange the course of instruction and select teachers.

This is to be a male academy, preparing boys for college, professional or business life and for entrance into Hampden-Sidney, Washington and Lee, and such other colleges and universities, and special attention will be given to preparing boys for a business life.

The name and style of the school is to be "The Hoge Academy;" the department of religious instruction will be called "The Pryor School of Bible Study and Evidences of Christianity;" the chapel hall "The Armstrong Hall," and the endowment fund "The Alexander Foundation," after the distinguished Presbyterian ministers of those names.

This will be the only school of the kind in Virginia east of the Blue Ridge, under Presbyterian influences, and a vigorous and healthy life is predicted for it.

RESULTS OF THE BAZAAR.

The Ladies Are Well Pleased With the Effects of Their Labors.

The various tents at the armory hall were removed yesterday, and the appearance of the room was quite different from what it has been during the past three weeks.

Mrs. E. D. Hotchkiss has been presented by the ladies of the different tents with a beautiful set of hand-painted china, valued at $100, in recognition of her valuable and efficient services as president of the Bazaar. The plates bear the court-of-arms of the various States of the Confederacy.

Captain Frank Cunningham was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane by the ladies of the Bazaar.

The chairmen of the various committees will meet on the 15th instant, when all moneys will be turned over to the treasurer.

The ladies of the several tents certainly deserve a great deal of credit for the faithful way in which they have worked from the very beginning of the movement. The Bazaar was undoubtedly a complete success from every point of view, and the result is far beyond the expectations of the most enthusiastic spirits who worked for the promotion of the undertaking.

The Solid South tent has ordered 400 of the dainty Confederate pins, which can be secured soon from some one of the jewelry stores of the city. The last lot of pins was disposed of within a few hours, and the young ladies again hold orders for over 200 pins of the lot just ordered. It is their intention to keep these pins for sale in the Confederate Museum.

The ladies of the cloak-room desire to thank Mr. Buck Eubank for all the carpenters' work on the several tents, Messrs. Montague & Lyons for timber, Messrs. Fourqurean, Price & Co. for bunting, Colonel Pollard, Mr. Stratton and other members of Lee Camp for their services during the entire Bazaar.

Property Transfers.

Richmond.—Ernest H. Chalkley to A. D. Williams, interest in 19 feet on south side Broad street between Madison and Jefferson, $5.

A. W. Patterson, special commissioner, and others, to H. J. Childress, 36 feet on east side Twenty-sixth street between O and P, $955.

J. B. Pace to H. M. Allport, 150 feet on Chaffin street, southwest corner Randolph, $1,505.

Henrico—Mary E. and M. J. Brock to Jesse Barr, 10 acres on Three Chopped road, $100.

James M. Bailey to C. Wackerly, 140 feet on Nine-Mile road, $200.

E. C. Tinsley to Mary E. Johnson, 25 feet on north side Winder street, near Carter, subject to deed of trust of $400, $400.

James Barron Hope.

Colonel John B. Cary, of this city, has accepted an invitation to deliver an eulogy over the Virginia poet, James Barron Hope, on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to the memory of the poet, which will take place at 5 o'clock in the afternoon next Wednesday in Norfolk.

The monument was erected by the friends of the Virginia poet. It is simple, but greatly admired, and bears suitable inscriptions on all four sides. Mr. Hope was a personal friend of Colonel Cary's.

THE JAMES ON THE WAR PATH.

The River Playing Havoc With Its Old Time Boarders.

The festive James is again on a jag. Recent heavy rains up the country have swollen its current, and it is steadily rising and spreading over the lower part of the city. At 3 o'clock yesterday communication with Fulton was cut off except by a boat, and the street cars could only run as far as Rocketts. The wharf of the Clyde Line at Rocketts is submerged to a depth of several feet, and the Old Dominion Company's wharf is also under water. The tracks of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company near the Richmond Chemical Works are covered, and the company have to transfer their trains to the Chesapeake and Ohio tracks.

On account of the high water the Old Dominion Steamship Company will handle their north-bound freight at the Richmond and Danville depot to-day. Freight received up to 2 o'clock to-day will go forward from West Point by steamer Saturday morning. The tri-weekly schedule will be resumed by this line via James river next week, sailing from New York Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and Richmond Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Warner Moore & Co.'s mills, on Seventeenth street, have been compelled to shut down on account of the high water, and at the Dunlop Mills, Davenport & Morris, and the Union Brokerage Company large forces were at work moving everything of value to the upper stories. The water this morning at 1 o'clock was almost up to the power-house on Johnston's Island, and slowly rising. At Mayo's bridge the river this morning at 2 o'clock was 11½ feet and still rising. From all accounts it is probable that it has almost attained its maximum height, and no serious damage is apprehended. The Richmond and Danville side track at Rocketts is submerged, and men were at work yesterday moving lumber piled along the line to high ground, and putting a large number of plow handles and other articles of wood work in the upper story of the freight depot.

A telegram received from Columbia at 9:15 yesterday morning stated that the river was 22 feet high and rising seven inches an hour. At 12 o'clock yesterday the water at Clifton Forge was 11 feet; Lynchburg, 12 feet; Scottsville, 17 feet, and Columbia, 24 feet.

At 1 o'clock this morning the river report from the different places was as follows: Clifton Forge, 7 feet 6 inches, falling; Eagle Mountain, 9 feet 6 inches, falling; Buchanan, 12 feet 2 inches, standing; Balcony Falls, 12 feet 2 inches, standing; Lynchburg, 12 feet 10 inches, standing; Columbia, 26 feet 9 inches, standing.

From these figures it seems that the greater part of the volume of water has come down, and the river will now begin to fall.

Yesterday boats filled with people were plying about in the warehouses of the Old Dominion and the Clyde Lines.

ANOTHER WISE MAN.

Actual Results of a Tontine Policy in the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Twenty years ago the 19th day of February, 1893, Jordan Stacy, Esq., of Kezar Falls, Me., insured his life in the Equitable Life Assurance Society, taking a twenty-year endowment policy, with a tontine period of twenty years, for $1,000. His premium was $53.54 annually. The policy having matured, Mr. Stacy had three options of settlement offered him—viz:

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Both Sides of the Chinese Question.

A notable article on the Chinese question, giving Chinese views of the Geary bill, appears in the current number of Harper's Weekly, written by Thomas D. Riordan, of San Francisco. Mr. Riordan is the representative of the powerful Chinese corporation known as the Six Companies, and is one of the lawyers employed to assist in testing the constitutionality of the Chinese Registration law before the United States Supreme Court. In the next number of the Weekly, published May 10th, the other side of the Chinese question will be presented by the Hon. Thomas J. Geary, member of Congress from California, and the author of the famous bill which bears his name. Both these articles, contributed by representative men on either side, well deserve the most careful attention.

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